

## Trump's historic 2nd trial opens with jarring video of siege

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Democrats opened Donald Trump's historic second impeachment trial Tuesday by showing the former president whipping up a rally crowd to march to the Capitol and "fight like hell" against his reelection defeat, followed by graphic video of the deadly attack on Congress that came soon after.

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In this image from video, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the president pro tempore of the Senate, who is presiding over the second impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump, opens the trial day in the Senate at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021.

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The lead House prosecutor told senators the case would present "cold, hard facts" against Trump, who is charged with inciting the mob siege of the Capitol to overturn the election he lost to Democrat Joe Biden. Senators sitting as jurors, many who themselves fled for safety that day, watched the jarring video of Trump supporters battling past police to storm the halls, Trump flags waving.

"That's a high crime and misdemeanor," said Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., in opening remarks. "If that's not an impeachable offense, then there's no such thing."

Trump is the first president to face impeachment charges after leaving office and the first to be twice impeached. The Capitol siege stunned the world as hundreds of rioters ransacked the building to try to stop the certification of Biden's victory, a domestic attack on the nation's seat of government unlike any in its history. Five people died.

Acquittal is likely, but the trial will test the nation's attitude toward his brand of presidential power, the Democrats' resolve in pursuing him, and the loyalty of Trump's Republican allies defending him.

Trump's lawyers are insisting that he is not guilty of the sole charge of "incitement of insurrection," his fiery words just a figure of speech as he encouraged a rally crowd to "fight like hell" for his presidency. But prosecutors say he "has no good defense" and they promise new evidence.

Security remained extremely tight at the Capitol on Tuesday, a changed



**In this Jan. 6, 2021, file photo rioters loyal to President Donald Trump try to break through a police barrier at the Capitol in Washington.**

place after the attack, fenced off with razor wire with armed National Guard troops on patrol. The nine House managers walked across the shuttered building to prosecute the case before the Senate.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Biden would not be watching the trial of his predecessor.

"Joe Biden is the president, he's not a pundit, he's not going to opine on back and forth arguments," she said.

With senators gathered as the court of impeachment, sworn to deliver "impartial justice," the trial was starting with debate and a vote over whether it's constitutionally permissible to prosecute Trump after he is no longer in the White House. Trump's defense team has focused on the question of constitutionality, which could resonate with Republicans eager to acquit Trump without being seen as condoning his behavior. Lead lawyer Bruce Castor said that no member of the

former president's defense team would do anything but condemn the violence of the "repugnant" attack, and "in the strongest possible way denounce the rioters."

Yet Trump's attorney appealed to the senators as "patriots first," and encouraged them to be "cool headed" as they assess the arguments.

At one pivotal point, Raskin told the personal story of bringing his family to the Capitol the day of the riot, to witness the certification of the Electoral College vote, only to have his daughter and son-in-law hiding in an office, fearing for their lives.

"Senators, this cannot be our future," Raskin said through tears. "This cannot be the future of America." The House prosecutors argued there is no "January exception" for a president on his way out the door. Rep. Joe Neguse, D-Colo., referred to the corruption case of William Belknap, a war secretary in the Grant

administration, who was impeached, tried and ultimately acquitted by the Senate after leaving office. "President Trump was not impeached for run of the mill corruption, misconduct. He was impeached for inciting a violent insurrection - an insurrection where people died, in this building," Neguse said. If Congress stands by, he said, "it would invite future presidents to use their power without any fear of accountability."

It appears unlikely that the House prosecutors will call witnesses, in part because the senators were witnesses themselves. At his Mar-a-Lago club in Florida, Trump has declined a request to testify.

Trump's defense team has said it plans to counter with its own cache of videos of Democratic politicians making fiery speeches. "We have some videos up our sleeve," senior Trump adviser Jason Miller said on a podcast Monday.

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trials have been conducted only three times before, leading to acquittals for Andrew Johnson, Bill Clinton and then Trump last year.

Timothy Naftali, a clinical associate professor at New York University and an expert on impeachment, said in an interview, "This trial is one way of having that difficult national conversation about the difference between dissent and insurrection."

The first test Tuesday was to be on a vote on the constitutionality of the trial, signaling attitudes in the Senate. The chamber is divided 50-50 between Democrats and Republicans, with a two-thirds vote, 67 senators, required for conviction.

A similar question was posed late last month, when Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky forced a vote to set aside the trial because Trump was no longer in office. At that time, 45 Republicans voted in favor of Paul's measure. Just five Republicans joined with Democrats to pursue the trial: Mitt Romney of Utah, Ben Sasse of Nebraska, Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania.

Because of the COVID-19 crisis, senators were allowed to spread out, including in the "marble room" just off the Senate floor, where proceedings are shown on TV, or even in the public galleries above the chamber. Most were at their desks on the opening day, however.

Presiding was not the chief justice of the United States, as in previous presidential impeachment trials, but the chamber's senior-most member of the majority party, Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont. □



# Palm Beach to decide whether Trump can stay at Mar-a-Lago

By **TERRY SPENCER**

**Associated Press**

**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.**

**(AP)** — As the Senate's impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump begins Tuesday in Washington, a matter even more important to his immediate future is being discussed some 990 miles to the south by the Palm Beach Town Council: Whether he can continue living at Mar-a-Lago. The council members will hear their attorney's opinion on whether the town can bar Trump from living at his club. That was the deal Trump's lawyer offered nearly 30 years ago: He told the town in 1993 that Trump would be prohibited from living there if it allowed him to convert it from a residence to a club. But this promise was not specifically included in the written agreement, which may take precedence. That's because, technically, Trump is an employee of the corporation that officially owns Mar-a-Lago — and the written agreement only bars members from living there. Under town regulations, a club can provide onsite housing to its employees. Trump moved into Mar-a-Lago on Jan. 20, the day he left office. The South Florida town in



In this Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, file photo, is Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Fla.

December received a letter from an attorney representing a Mar-a-Lago neighbor demanding it bar Trump from living there. The unnamed neighbor believes Trump's residency would decrease property values. Trump and former first lady Melania Trump changed their residency from New York City to Mar-a-Lago in 2019. The Trump Organization, the family's business entity, has issued a statement saying, "There is no document or agreement

in place that prohibits President Trump from using Mar-a-Lago as his residence." Trump owns two other homes near Mar-a-Lago. Trump purchased Mar-a-Lago for \$10 million in 1985 from the estate of Marjorie Meriweather Post, the owner of General Foods. The 126-room mansion had deteriorated after her death in 1973, when she left it to the U.S. government as a possible presidential vacation home. The government gave it back in 1981. After Trump bought it, he

spent millions upgrading the property while living there part-time. By the early 1990s, however, Trump was in financial distress. Real estate prices dropped and several of his businesses flopped, including a New Jersey casino. He told the town he could no longer afford the \$3 million annual upkeep and it was unfair that he shouldered the costs alone. He proposed subdividing the property and building mansions. The town rejected the proposal. In 1993, Trump

and the town agreed he could turn the estate into a private club. It would be limited to 500 members — the initiation fee is now \$200,000 and annual dues are \$14,000.

Under that agreement, members can stay in a suite for no more than seven consecutive days and 21 days a year — but there is no prohibition on employees living there. Still, according to 1993 Palm Beach Post articles, Trump attorney Paul Rampell told the town council that if the agreement were approved, Trump would be treated like any other member. "Another question that's often asked to me is whether Mr. Trump will continue to live at Mar-a-Lago," Rampell told the council, according to the Post. "No, except that he will be a member of the club and therefore will be entitled to the use of guest rooms."

The length of Trump's stays at Mar-a-Lago before his presidency are unknown, but they often exceeded seven consecutive days while he was in office, including visits of about two weeks during the Christmas holidays. His stays added up to well more than 21 days a year. □

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# Jill Biden pushes free access to community college, training

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

Jill Biden is pushing free access to community college and training programs, saying the schools will be an important part of Biden administration efforts to rebuild the economy. A longtime community college professor and advocate, the first lady said people struggling to get by during the coronavirus-induced economic slump need access to these schools. "We have to get this done. And we have to do it now. That's why we're going to make sure that everyone has access to free community college and training programs," Jill Biden said in

taped remarks broadcast Tuesday during a virtual legislative summit hosted by the Association of Community College Trustees and the American Association of Community Colleges. She was not more specific. As a presidential candidate, Joe Biden promised two years of community college or training "without debt." Similar proposals have been put forward in the past. In 2015, President Barack Obama and then-Vice President Joe Biden pushed a plan to provide two years of free community college, but the proposal languished in Congress. Jill Biden indicated that the

administration would revive the idea.

"We're going to make sure students have the support they need to cross that finish line," she said. "We're going to invest in programs that prepare our workers for jobs of the future." Average annual tuition and fees at a community college cost \$3,730 during the 2019-2020 academic year, compared to an average of \$10,440 for in-state tuition and fees at a four-year public college, according to the American Association of Community Colleges.

Jill Biden, who continues to teach — albeit virtually — and is the first first lady with a paying job outside of the White House, said commu-



President Joe Biden and first lady Dr. Jill Biden are seen on a scoreboard screen delivering a message before the NFL Super Bowl 55 football game between the Kansas City Chiefs and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021, in Tampa, Fla.

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nity colleges are no longer America's "best kept secret" as she has long been fond of saying. "They are our most power-

ful engine of prosperity," she said.

The first lady teased a future White House summit on community colleges. □



# 5 wounded in Minnesota clinic attack; local man arrested

By **MOHAMED IBRAHIM and GRETCHEN EHLKE**  
Associated Press

**BUFFALO, Minn. (AP)** — A 67-year-old local man who was well-known to law enforcement opened fire at a Minnesota health clinic on Tuesday, wounding five people who were rushed to area hospitals, authorities said.

The attack happened Tuesday morning at an Allina Health clinic in Buffalo, a community of about 15,000 people roughly 40 miles (64 kilometers) northwest of Minneapolis. Kelly Spratt, the president of Buffalo Health, said during a news conference that five patients were wounded and were rushed to hospitals, but that he didn't know any of their conditions.

The alleged shooter was identified as Gregory Paul Ulrich, of Buffalo. Wright County Sheriff Sean Deringer said Ulrich was well-known to authorities before the attack. Police Chief Pat Budke said his department and area health care clinics have a history of conflict with Ulrich, which leads investigators to believe he was targeting the clinic or someone inside. But he said it was too early in the investigation to know if a specif-



Law enforcement personnel walk toward the Allina Health clinic, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021, in Buffalo, Minn.

ic doctor was targeted.

"None of the information that we have from our past contact with him would indicate that he was unhappy with, or would direct his anger at, anyone other than people within the facilities where he had been treated or where they had attempted to give treatment," Budke said, noting that it didn't appear to be a case of domestic terrorism.

Public online court records for Ulrich list a handful of arrests and convictions for drunken driving and pos-

session of small amounts of marijuana from 2004 through 2014, mostly in Wright County, including two convictions for gross misdemeanor drunken driving that resulted in short jail sentences.

Gov. Tim Walz said at an earlier news conference that "some improvised explosive devices" were part of the attack, though he didn't say whether any were detonated.

"At this time it appears it was a single individual," Walz said. "Again, (it's) too early to tell motives or rea-

sons why." North Memorial Health spokeswoman Abigail Greenheck said multiple victims were brought to its hospital in Robbinsdale. She did not say how many or what condition they were in.

The FBI sent bomb technicians to the scene. Members of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms' enforcement group and special agents from the state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension also responded.

The clinic is set off at the edge of Buffalo near an old

red barn with flaking paint. Dozens of emergency vehicles and law enforcement officers carrying guns were on the scene, setting up a perimeter. TV footage showed little activity at the clinic itself, but several shattered plate-glass windows could be seen. At least two windows were shattered a nearby motel.

More than three hours after the attack, law enforcement moved to cordon off a neighborhood about a mile from the clinic. An ATF agent on the edge of the perimeter declined to talk to an AP reporter.

At least a half-dozen law enforcement vehicles were gathered near a small mobile home park near Pulaski Lake in the city. A woman from the sheriff's office who declined to identify herself said they were executing a search warrant in connection to the clinic shooting. She declined to give any additional information.

A state Department of Public Health spokesman said he didn't immediately know if the clinic has been administering COVID-19 vaccinations. An Allina spokesman referred all questions to the Buffalo police and the Wright County Sheriff's Office. □

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## Study: Jail populations dropped, rose slightly in pandemic

By **JIM SALTER**  
Associated Press

**O'FALLON, Mo. (AP)** — Jail populations across the U.S. dropped by nearly a quarter at the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, before rising slightly again in the heat of the summer, according to a study released Tuesday.

The report from the nonprofit MacArthur Foundation and City University of New York's Institute for State and Local Governance examined jail populations at 26 locations and found that the average number of inmates decreased 24% from February 2020 to April, largely due to a decrease in people being booked. That period coincided with implementation of emergency measures aimed at limiting the spread of the coronavirus, including, in some cases, sending nonviolent inmates home.

The study found that jail populations rose slightly over the summer from the April low, but were still down 14% in October compared to February 2020. Notable declines included approximate one-third population drops in Charleston, South Carolina, San Francisco and

Multnomah County, Oregon, which includes Portland.

Reagan Daly of CUNY, one of the authors of the study, said preliminary evidence showed that freeing inmates did not create additional risk to the public.

"We've seen no change in public safety outcomes," Daly said during a Zoom discussion. "There's been no increase in crime. There's been no increase in violent crime."

St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Wesley Bell went a step further.

"The evidence is clear. When you give individuals the support and resources they need, they offend at a lower rate," Bell said.

The study found that the declines in population and bookings were more pronounced for white detainees.

Big declines in people being booked into jail -- rather than shorter jail stays -- were the biggest reason jail populations declined during the pandemic.

The study found that bookings dropped 56% across all of the sites between February 2020

and April, rose over the warm-weather months but still dropped 28% in October compared to February 2020. February-to-October booking declines included a 51% drop-off in Multnomah County, a 50% decline in Milwaukee and 47% declines in St. Louis County and Missoula, Montana.

The report was part of the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge, an effort to reduce jail populations and racial disparities among those who are incarcerated. The report said that while jails are intended to hold people awaiting trial who are considered a flight risk or a safety threat to the public, about three-quarters of detainees in the nation's 3,100 jails are held for allegations involving nonviolent crimes, often because they can't afford bail.

The foundation also announced an additional \$18 million in grants. The new funding is for 15 cities and counties that are "working to reduce over-incarceration and advance racial equity in local criminal justice systems," the foundation said. □



# Skating-crazy Dutch defy pandemic by taking to outdoor ice

By **PETER DEJONG** and **MIKE CORDER**

**Associated Press**

**DOORN, Netherlands (AP)**

— A deep winter freeze gripping the Netherlands is reawakening the national obsession with skating on frozen canals.

With subzero temperatures forecast to last more than a week, ice fever swept the nation Tuesday, offering a welcome respite from grim coronavirus news while also creating a challenge for authorities trying to uphold social distancing rules.

People around the country were rummaging through attics and dusting off long-unused skates, while businesses that sharpen skate blades reported boom times.

Ice skating is a national wintertime passion in the Netherlands, with the country's spandex-clad elite athletes dominating Winter Olympic speedskating races in recent years. Amateurs of all ages eagerly await the Arctic conditions that allow them to take to the country's vast network of canals and waterways.

But with the country in a strict coronavirus lockdown, the prospect of a



**A mother teaches her daughter to skate on a rink in Doorn, Netherlands, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021.**

**Associated Press**

long-distance skating race in the northern province of Friesland being staged for the first time since 1997 remains remote at best.

The association that organizes the 11 Cities Tour over frozen canals and lakes said in January that "under the current coronavirus measures, it is not possible to organize" the near mythical event. Since then, authorities have not relaxed the measures be-

yond allowing elementary school students back into classrooms this week.

The chairman of the association poured more cold water on people's hopes Tuesday, noting just what a production the race normally involves.

"We're talking about a tour with 1--1.5 million spectators, 25,000 participants, thousands of volunteers and half of the Netherlands on the road," Wiebe Wiel-

ing told national broadcaster NOS. "Every right-thinking person will realize that something like that is not possible" amid the pandemic.

Prime Minister Mark Rutte weighed in on the debate Monday night, saying that skating authorities could consider allowing races on natural ice if the country's top 120 racers enter a coronavirus bubble. But he, too, said that staging

an event with a huge number of spectators was out of the question, even if it is outdoors.

Still, Rutte said the Dutch should make the most of the conditions while they last.

"Enjoy this beautiful weather and the ice," Rutte said. "But do that within the COVID-19 rules."

Dutch media reported a few hardy souls risking a skate on thin ice in parts of the Netherlands on Tuesday, but for the time being temporary ice tracks were the safest place to lace up one's skates.

Local schoolchildren visited the skating club in Doorn, 65 kilometers (40 miles) southeast of Amsterdam, which created its rink by spraying water onto an outdoor inline skating track and built up an even ice surface by dragging a Persian rug around it.

Canals are expected to be frozen solid enough later in the week for people to skate on. Authorities in Amsterdam have closed locks and banned boats on parts of the city's World Heritage-listed ring of canals to give them a better chance of freezing over. □

## Taiwan says ties with U.S. strong amid threats from China

**TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)** — As the U.S. Navy asserts its presence in the South China Sea, Taiwan's leader says its ties with Washington remain solid over the transition from the Trump to the Biden administration. President Tsai Ing-wen said

Tuesday that U.S. military support remains firm even as China sends increasing numbers of military aircraft into Taiwan's southwestern airspace.

"I would like to reiterate that Taiwan will not back down when receiving

pressure and will not rashly advance when receiving support," Tsai said in a traditional Lunar New Year television address.

"As long as the Beijing authorities are willing to resolve conflicts, we also want to have a dialogue with them under the conditions of equality and dignity," Tsai said.

While China and the U.S. have indicated a desire to curtail the raw animosity of the Trump years, both the Democratic and Republican parties maintain strong support for Taiwan and a tough approach toward China over trade, human rights and its increasingly assertive military and foreign policies.

Tsai's remarks came as the U.S. Pacific Fleet conducted exercises in the South

China Sea combining ships and planes from the aircraft carriers Theodore Roosevelt and Nimitz.

The exercises Tuesday were aimed at "increasing interoperability between assets as well as command and control capabilities," the U.S. 7th Fleet said in a statement.

"The ships and aircraft of the two strike groups coordinated operations in a highly trafficked area to demonstrate the U.S. Navy's ability to operate in challenging environments," it said.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said the U.S. exercises were not conducive to regional peace and stability. "China will continue to take necessary measures to firmly defend its nation-

al sovereignty and security and work with regional countries to firmly maintain peace and stability in the South China Sea," he said. China claims ownership over virtually the entire South China Sea and has built military installations on reefs and atolls by covering them with sand and concrete.

Taiwan holds Taiping Island in the highly contested Spratly group, joining Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam in actively challenging China's ambition to exert control over the area, through which an estimated \$5 trillion in international trade travels annually.

The waterway also has rich fish stocks and undersea oil and gas reserves. □



**In this image from video, Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen delivers a New Year's speech in Taipei, Taiwan, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021.**

**Associated Press**



# Former Nazi guard, age 100, charged as accessory to murder

By DAVID RISING  
Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — German prosecutors have charged a 100-year-old man with 3,518 counts of being an accessory to murder on allegations he served during World War II as a Nazi SS guard at a concentration camp on the outskirts of Berlin, authorities said Tuesday.

The man is alleged to have worked at the Sachsenhausen camp between 1942 and 1945 as an enlisted member of the Nazi Party's paramilitary wing, said Cyrill Klement, who led the investigation of the centenarian for the Neuruppin prosecutors' office.

The man's name wasn't released in line with German privacy laws. Despite his advanced age, the suspect is considered fit enough to stand trial, though accommodations may have to be made to limit how many hours per day the court is in session, Klement told The Associated Press.

The Neuruppin office was handed the case in 2019 by the special federal prosecutors' office in Ludwigsburg tasked with investigating Nazi-era war crimes, Klement said.

It comes after prosecutors in the northern town of Itzehoe announced accessory to murder charges last week against a 95-year-old woman who worked during the war as the secretary of the SS commandant of



In this Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019 file photo a man walks through the gate of the Sachsenhausen Nazi death camp with the phrase 'Arbeit macht frei' (work sets you free) during International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Oranienburg, about 30 kilometers (18 miles), north of Berlin, Germany.

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the Stutthof concentration camp. That case and the charges against the 100-year-old man both rely on recent legal precedent in Germany establishing that anyone who helped a Nazi camp function can be prosecuted for accessory to the murders committed there.

Efraim Zuroff, the chief Nazi hunter at the Simon Wiesenthal Center, said the two new cases serve as "vital reminders to the dangers of anti-Semitism, racism and xenophobia."

"The advanced age of the defendants is no excuse

to ignore them and allow them to live in the peace and tranquility they denied their victims," he said.

The new legal precedent was established in 2011 with the conviction of former Ohio autoworker John Demjanjuk as an accessory to murder on allegations that he served as a guard at the Sobibor death camp in German-occupied Poland.

Demjanjuk, who steadfastly denied the allegations, died before his appeal could be heard.

A federal court subsequently upheld the 2015

conviction of former Auschwitz guard Oskar Groening achieved with the same line of reasoning, solidifying the precedent.

Before that, German courts had required prosecutors to justify charges by presenting evidence of a former guard's participation in a specific killing, often a near-impossible task given the anonymity of most guards to the prisoners, coupled with the paucity of witnesses and the passage of time.

"The core of this case follows the decision of Demjanjuk and Groening, that

being part of the functioning of this machinery of death is sufficient for an accessory to murder conviction," Klement said.

The state court in Neuruppin, northwest of the town of Oranienburg where Sachsenhausen was located, now needs to evaluate the case and the fitness of the defendant, then set a trial date, Klement said.

Sachsenhausen was established in 1936 just north of Berlin as the first new camp after Adolf Hitler gave the SS full control of the Nazi concentration camp system.

It was intended to be a model facility and training camp for the labyrinthine network that the Nazis built across Germany, Austria and occupied territories.

More than 200,000 people were held there between 1936 and 1945, and tens of thousands died of starvation, disease, forced labor, and other causes, as well as through medical experiments and systematic SS extermination operations including shootings, hangings and gassing.

Exact numbers on those killed vary, with upper estimates of some 100,000, though scholars suggest figures of 40,000 to 50,000 are likely more accurate.

In its early years, most prisoners were either political prisoners or criminal prisoners, but also included some Jehovah's Witnesses and homosexuals. □

## Uighurs stage protest outside Chinese Embassy in Turkey



Uighur protesters holding photographs of relatives they say they have not heard from in years, pose for the media near the Chinese Embassy in Ankara, Turkey, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021.

Associated Press

**ANKARA, Turkey (AP)**

— Dozens of Uighurs assembled near the Chinese Embassy in Turkey on Tuesday, demanding information about family members they fear are being kept in detention camps in China. The protesters held photographs of relatives they say they have not heard from in months. More than a million Uighurs and other largely Muslim minorities have been swept into prisons and detention camps in China, in what China calls an anti-terrorism mea-

sure. Police kept the protesters some 300 meters (yards) away from the embassy and also tried to prevent journalists from covering the protest. Four of the protesters were escorted into a police van, although police insisted they were not being detained.

Uighurs, a Turkic group native to China's far west Xinjiang region, have sought refuge in Turkey for decades because of their shared cultural ties with the country. Turkey, however, has become less vo-

cal about the plight of Uighurs in recent years as it has developed economic ties with China.

China recently ratified an extradition treaty with Turkey that was signed years ago, raising fears among the Uighur community that they could be sent back to the country they fled. Turkey has yet to ratify the agreement.

Both Turkish and Chinese authorities insist that the extradition bill does not aim to target Uighurs for deportation. □



# Fear and love surround Escobar's hippos thriving in Colombia

By REGINA GARCIA CANO and FERNANDO VERGARA  
Associated Press

**PUERTO TRIUNFO, Colombia (AP)** — Tucked between mountain ranges, the sprawling palace of Pablo Escobar was home to kangaroos, giraffes, elephants and other exotic animals — a private zoo of illegally imported animals that was the greatest ostentation of the feared drug kingpin as he reigned over the cocaine trade in Colombia.

Escobar and his Medellín Cartel are long dead, but one of the zoo's prized specimens is flourishing in the tropical countryside and wetlands in and around the palace-turned-theme park — the hippopotamus. Like the man who introduced them to this country after obtaining them from a U.S. zoo, they are a source of endless controversy. Government attempts to control their reproduction have had no real impact on population growth, with the number of hippos increasing in the last eight

years from 35 to somewhere between 65 and 80. A group of scientists is now warning that the hippos pose a major threat to the area's biodiversity and could lead to deadly encounters between the huge animals and humans. They say hippo numbers could reach around 1,500 by 2035 if nothing is done. They say some of the animals need to be killed.

"I believe that it is one of the greatest challenges of invasive species in the world," said Nataly Castelblanco-Martínez, an ecologist at the University of Quintana Roo in Mexico and lead author of the group's study. The idea of killing some in the herd has already drawn some criticism and is likely to see more.

There was an outcry years ago when three hippos wandered from the Escobar compound and were causing problems and one was killed by hunters sent after the animals. The humans in this rural area have embraced the



Hippos float in the lake at Hacienda Napoles Park, once the private estate of drug kingpin Pablo Escobar who imported three female hippos and one male decades ago in Puerto Triunfo, Colombia, Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021.

Associated Press

on one man and in two years on another man, obviously, that is not going to control the reproduction of the entire population," Castelblanco-Martínez said. The scientists began working on the hippo population forecast last year after

hippos and one male to be brought to his 5,500-acre (2,225-hectare) estate, Hacienda Napoles. After his death in a shootout with authorities in 1993, most of the exotic animals were relocated or died. But the hippos were abandoned at the estate due

giant population of hippopotamuses. We began to learn how the population was constituted, to see if there was an immediate solution," said David Echeverri-Lopez, a researcher at the regional environmental agency that oversees the hippos. □

## Puerto Rico prepares to reopen schools 1 year after pandemic

By DÁNICA COTO  
Associated Press

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)** — Puerto Rico officials announced Monday that five grades will return to in-person classes next month as the U.S. territory prepares to reopen public schools for the first time in a year, causing some parents to worry about a po-

tential increase in coronavirus cases. Kindergarteners, special education students, and children in first, second, third and 12th grades are tentatively scheduled to be back in classrooms at certain schools March 3, said Elba Aponte, Puerto Rico's education secretary-designate.

Only eight to 12 students will be allowed in a classroom and school cafeterias will remain closed, although they will offer a "grab-and-go" option. Masks, hand sanitizers and thermometers will be available at all schools, Aponte said, adding that more than 24,000 employees have already received a first dose of coronavirus vaccine. "The vast majority concur that it is time for our students, children and youth

"I recognize there is uncertainty among parents and the school community given the announcement of the upcoming reopening," she said. To minimize the risk of contagion, Aponte said that in-person classes will be held only two times a week and that students will be dismissed before noon, with parents barred from entering schools.

Others wrote that they would keep their children at home. "With great respect, it is crazy to start classes(.) They should wait until August or until conditions permit," one said. The island's Department of Education has not yet identified which schools will reopen. Officials expect to release a list by mid-February. The

to be able to have contact with their teachers and classmates," Aponte said. She made the announcement via Facebook, prompting a swarm of criticism. "Sending children to school without vaccines, in a rush and without a plan that exceeds expectations IS A CRIME," wrote one woman. Another worried about the level of cleanliness and whether teachers or employees will ensure that children have their masks on at all times.

Teachers' Association of Puerto Rico also criticized the reopening, questioning whether the government is sufficiently prepared to avoid an increase in coronavirus cases. Víctor Bonilla, the association's president, said the organization is requesting that the government provide specific statistics about all department employees who have tested positive for the coronavirus. "If the government cannot provide that precise data, it's not in a position to talk about reopening schools in March," Bonilla said. "We know that under normal circumstances schools are never ready." The island of 3.2 million people has reported more than 161,300 confirmed and suspected cases of coronavirus infections and more than 1,880 deaths related to COVID-19. □



In this Tuesday, Feb. 4 file photo, Martin G. Brumbaugh School kindergarten teacher Nydsy Santiago teaches her students under a gazebo at a municipal athletic park in Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico.

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# The Hilton Aruba celebrates retirees, their past accomplishments and future endeavors

**PALM BEACH — Seven young-at-heart Team Members recently retired from the Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino. They were presented with fresh flower bouquets, letters of appreciation and gifts at a small social distanced gathering at Mira Solo bar, in the presence of their department heads, Glenn Farro, Director of Human Resources, and Vasco Baselli, General Manager.**

Both Farro and Baselli thanked their retiring Team Members and wished them good luck on their new, exciting adventure of being retired to enjoy the fruits of their labor, children and grandchildren, their churches and hobbies. Baselli spoke on behalf of the entire team. "I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the hard work and professionalism that



you have demonstrated over the past years at our beloved hotel," he said. "Your commitment and dedication have always been an inspiration to your colleagues, supervisors and managers, who will certainly miss working with you. During your time at our hotel you have lived through many changes and challenges and have always risen to meet them while exceeding guests' expectations. You represent what has always defined this resort, the warmth and genuine hospitality of its Team Members. As you start a new chapter in your life, we congratulate you, and wish to extend a heartfelt

Masha Danki, for a job well done." Retiring Team Members include: Elfried Desidero Mercera, 13 years of service, Sylvia Merlin Wilson Carti, 16 years of service, Melania Salome Wolff, 17 years of service, Josetta Petit Frere, 23 years of service, Jeannine Poulard, 25 years of service, Bienvenida Angelita Lopez Tavarez Cabrera, 28 years of service, and Glenda Maria Tromp, 32 years of service. In total 154 years of valuable experience were retired that day, and the resort is as successful as it is, and Aruba as popular as it

is, thanks to the efforts of its people, who spent many hours every day, away from their families and friends, to help the island's economy thrive. Some retirees arrived at the event escorted by grandchildren, and posed for souvenirs pictures with their peers on the resort management team, Executive Chef Matt Boland, Director of Front Services Nelson Winklaar, and Executive Housekeeper Bibi Ohab. Pictured here, snap shots from the lively gathering over drinks and hors d'oeuvres as the Hilton bid its seniors farewell. □



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# Millennial Money: Get tough money tasks off your to-do list

By **SARA RATHNER** of Nerd-Wallet

Nothing sparks procrastination quite like a to-do list of financial tasks. Sometimes the only thing scarier than making a financial choice in the first place is making the **WRONG** choice, which can happen when you don't totally understand what you're doing. In that sense, the default — standing pat — is often easiest. Tackling money-related chores can be difficult even for those of us who write about this stuff for a living. The mere mention of rolling over old 401(k)s elicited eyerolls from a few of my colleagues in a recent video meeting. But delaying these tasks can cost you a lot in the long run, like if you're paying fees on the bank account or credit card you plan to switch, or you're delaying opening an investment account and missing out on possible gains. Thankfully, you can trick yourself into productivity by rethinking how you approach your financial to-do list.

## START WITH YOUR 'WHY'

"Giving yourself a 10-item to-do list of tasks you won't enjoy is the perfect recipe



This Oct. 24, 2016, file photo shows dollar bills in New York. Associated Press

for procrastination," Meera Meyer, a financial planner in Boulder, Colorado, said in an email. Meyer has her clients review their financial goals, then consider why an item is on their to-do list in the first place. Cross-checking your goals with your list may inspire you to keep that list short.

This exercise can also help you prioritize the remaining tasks, so you know exactly where to get started.

## DIVIDE BIG TASKS INTO SMALL BITES

A big, vague goal is a sure-fire path to inaction. But when you break that goal down into pieces, it begins to feel doable. Even a tiny

step is progress.

"Sometimes, just downloading that initial statement is the jolt you need to get on track," Meyer said. "A lot of the time, once you've downloaded that statement, you realize that you might as well keep on going through as much of the process as you can."

Lauren Martin of Portland, Oregon, describes herself as a diligent saver, and that left her with a good problem to have: what to do with additional savings once she fully funded her emergency account. She set a goal of opening her first taxable brokerage account, but she found the

prospect of taking that first step toward investing to be daunting.

"It seemed like it was for other people, like wealthy people or day traders," she says. "It was still a couple months before I actually went through with it because the process seemed intimidating."

Learning more about how to open and fund a brokerage account, as well as understanding any tax implications of selling investments, helped Martin feel ready to take action. To her surprise, she realized how little time each step took.

"It was super easy," she says. "I built it up to be this crazy complicated thing. It took me maybe 10 minutes to open the account."

## DO THE RIGHT KIND OF RESEARCH

Research and comparison shopping are a big part of making a financial decision and can help you feel confident in your choices. But eventually, the research must end and the action must begin. If you feel stuck, here are some ways to move forward:

— **IDENTIFY WHERE YOU LACK KNOWLEDGE:** You may be afraid to make a move because you have

unanswered questions. List your knowledge gaps and start finding answers. Articles from reputable sources can help, as can talking to experts like a financial adviser.

## — SHOP AROUND, BUT WITHIN A LIMITED SCOPE:

If you're seeking a new financial product like a bank account or credit card, comparison websites and other resources can help you weigh contenders. Be careful, though. It can be easy to get trapped in this phase, paralyzed by the overwhelming number of products on the market. Limit yourself to a handful of options.

## — WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK FOR HELP:

Sometimes picking up the phone can save you hours of searching online to identify the steps you need to take. When Matt Iadone of Boston decided to roll over an old 401(k) into a new account, he hesitated because he didn't know how to begin.

He called the account providers and got the forms he needed to fill out. "It was actually a fairly simple process," he says.

"Once I learned the steps, accomplishing the goal was easy." □

# U.S. hiring plunged in December even as job openings ticked up

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**  
**AP Economics Writer**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

U.S. employers cut back sharply on hiring in December, particularly industries slammed by the pandemic such as restaurants and hotels, as virus infections soared and governments responded with tighter restrictions.

The number of available jobs rose slightly and layoffs fell, according to the Labor Department's Tuesday report, known as the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey, or JOLTS. The report provides more granular detail about the job market than the government's monthly employment figures.

Employers cut hiring 6.6%

in December, to 5.5 million, the report said. Roughly three-quarters of the decline occurred in a category that includes restaurants, bars, hotels, casinos, concert halls and other entertainment venues. Warehousing and shipping firms also slashed hiring, the report found.

On Friday, the government said that employers added a meager 49,000 jobs in January, signaling a potential stall in hiring and for the economy. That followed a loss of 227,000 jobs in December.

The unemployment rate fell to 6.3% last month, in part because many of those out of work gave up on their job searches and were no longer technically

counted as unemployed. Tuesday's report provides overall hiring and job posting figures, while Friday's figure is a net gain after all hiring, layoffs and quits are added up.

Job openings rose just 1.1% in December to 6.6 million, the JOLTS report found. That leaves the number of job postings significantly below the pre-pandemic level of 7 million last February.

Other measures of available jobs suggest that they have fully recovered from the pandemic but are growing much more slowly. Jobs website Indeed.com said last week that postings on its website are now 0.7% above where they were in February 2020, before the

pandemic intensified. But that's much slower growth than a year ago, when postings were growing at a 9% annual rate.

And not all sectors have recovered, Indeed said.

Job postings in hotels and tourism are still 35% below pre-pandemic levels, while restaurant jobs are down 13% and arts and entertainment nearly 17%. □



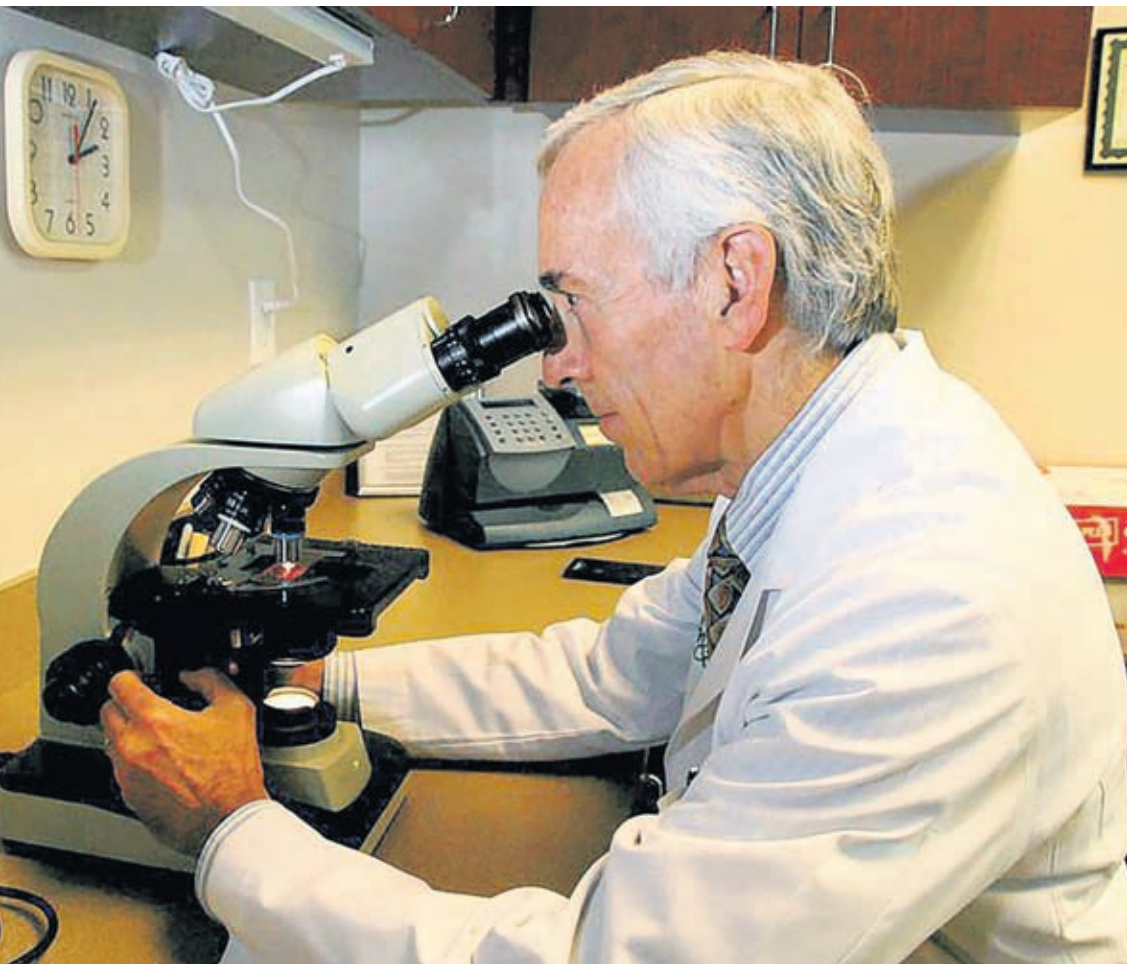
In this Dec. 10, 2020 file photo, a "Now Hiring" sign hangs on the front wall of a Harbor Freight Tools store in Manchester, N.H. Associated Press



# Nothing to sneeze at: Global warming triggers earlier pollen

**BY SETH BORENSTEIN**  
**AP Science Writer**  
When Dr. Stanley Fineman started as an allergist in Atlanta, he told patients they should start taking their medications and prepare for the drippy, sneezy onslaught of pollen season around St. Patrick's Day. That was about 40 years ago. Now he tells them to start around St. Valentine's Day.

Across the United States and Canada, pollen season is starting 20 days earlier and pollen loads are 21% higher since 1990 and a huge chunk of that is because of global warming, a new study found in Monday's journal the Proceedings of the National Academies of Sciences. While other studies have shown North America's allergy season getting longer and worse, this is the most comprehensive data with 60 reporting stations and the first to make the required and detailed calculations that could attribute what's happening to human-caused climate change, experts said. "This is a crystal clear example that climate change is here and it's in every breath we take," said lead author Bill Anderegg, a biologist and climate scientist at the University of Utah, who also has "really bad allergies." Chris Downs, a 32-year-old mechanical engineer in St.



In this undated photo provided by Atlanta Allergy & Asthma, Dr. Stanley Fineman looks through a microscope at Atlanta Allergy & Asthma Center in Atlanta to examine the pollen. Associated Press

Louis, is already getting sinus problems, headaches and worst of all itchy red eyes and his Facebook friends in the area tell him they're feeling the same. He said the allergies, which started 22 years ago, usually hit in March, but this year and last year, they were already around in early February, along with blooms of trees and flowers outside. "As a kid I never saw any-

thing start blooming in February, now I see a handful of years like that," Downs said. The warmer the Earth gets, the earlier spring starts for plants and animals, especially those that release pollen. Add to that the fact that trees and plants produce more pollen when they get carbon dioxide, the study said. "This is clearly warming temperatures and more carbon dioxide putting more pollen in the air," Anderegg said. Trees are spewing the allergy-causing particles earlier than grasses, he said, but scientists aren't sure why that's the case. Just look at cherry blossoms opening several days earlier in Japan and Washington, D.C., he said. Texas is where some of the biggest changes are happening, Anderegg said. The South and southern Midwest are getting pollen season about 1.3 days earlier each year, while it's coming about 1.1 days earlier in the West, he said. The northern Midwest is getting allergy season about 0.65 days earlier

per year, and it's coming 0.33 days earlier a year in the Southeast. In Canada, Alaska and the Northeast researchers couldn't see a statistically significant trend. Anderegg said his team factored that in that parks and plants in cities were getting greener. They did standard detailed calculations that scientists have developed to see if changes in nature can be attributed to the increase of heat-trapping gases from the burning of coal, oil and natural gas. They compared what's happening now to computer simulations of an Earth without human-caused warming and rising carbon dioxide in the air. Since 1990, about half of the earlier pollen season can be attributed to climate change mostly from the warmer temperatures but also from the plant-feeding carbon dioxide, Anderegg said. But since the 2000s, about 65% of earlier pollen seasons can be blamed on warming, he said. About 8% of the increased pollen

load can be attributed to climate change, he said. Dr. Fineman, past president of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and who wasn't part of the study, said this makes sense and fits with what he sees: "Pollen really follows the temperature. There's not a question." While doctors and scientists knew earlier allergy season was happening, until now no one had done formal climate attribution studies to help understand why, said University of Washington environmental health professor Kristie Ebi, who wasn't part of the study. This can help scientists estimate how many allergies and asthma cases "could be due to climate change," she said. This is not just a matter of sniffles. "We should care about pollen season because pollen is an important risk factor for allergic diseases such as hay fever and asthma exacerbation," said University of Maryland environmental health professor Amir Sapkota, who wasn't part of the study. "Asthma costs the U.S. economy an estimated \$80 billion per year in terms of treatment and loss of productivity. So a longer pollen season poses real threats to individuals suffering from allergy as well as the U.S. economy." Sapkota recently found a correlation between earlier spring onset and increase risk in asthma hospitalizations. One study found students do worse on tests because of pollen levels, Anderegg said. Gene Longenecker, a hazards geographer who recently returned to Alabama, didn't really suffer from pollen allergies until he moved to Atlanta. Then he moved to Colorado: "Every summer it was just crushing headaches and big things like that and (I) started into allergy testing and found out that, well, I'm allergic to everything in Colorado at the very least trees, grasses and pollens, weeds." □

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# Folk activist Judy Collins revisits her first live album



In this Nov. 14, 2017 photo, Judy Collins poses for a portrait in New York.

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — When she was 24, folk singer Judy Collins went onstage in New York City to record her first live concert and maybe inspire social change. Last month, she returned to the same stage to do the

whole thing again. Collins recreated her legendary concert hall debut at The Town Hall from March 21, 1964, recorded on the cusp of Freedom Summer. The encore edition came just months after another turbulent summer, with protests

against police brutality. “We’ve come a long way, but we haven’t come very far,” the now 81-year-old tells The Associated Press. “We always have to be awake. We can’t go to sleep.” There was no audience when Collins returned to the 1,500-seat The Town Hall because of COVID-19 fears, but a stream of the new concert will be available Feb. 12 as well as a vinyl album. Collins was a rising star in the world of folk music when she recorded the concert, which would become the album “The Judy Collins Concert.” She was not yet writing her own songs and instead interpreting tunes from the likes of Bob Dylan and Billy Edd Wheeler with her shimmering soprano. Collins performed three Wheeler songs — “Winter Sky,” “Red-Winged Blackbird” and “Coal Tattoo” — and three from Tom Paxton — “The Last Thing on My Mind,” “My Ramblin’ Boy” and “Bottle of Wine” — as well as Dylan’s haunting “The Lonesome Death of Hattie Carroll.” There were songs about coal miners, reproductive rights, yearning for freedom, racial injustice and a lullaby for Medgar Evers’ son. Later that summer in 1964, Collins would travel through Mississippi trying to register people to vote.

“Life is always full of conflict, forever and ever,” she says. “It’s also full of opportunity and beauty and blessings of art. And that’s why we have to get reminded of that throughout history.” Collins wasn’t daunted by a lack of audience on her recent return to The Town Hall. “Oh, no, I can do it any way — standing on my head, sitting in the bathtub, sitting up from a deep sleep. The singing and the performing are so natural to me,” she says. “I love it.” When asked if she changed the arrangements after 57 years, she laughed: “I sang them like Judy Collins. People may complain, but that’s their business.” Someone who was in the audience during the Jan. 19 taping — and someone very happy to be there — was Melay Araya, artistic director of The Town Hall. “The way that she fills up that space is really unlike many artists,” she says. “I hope people at home can feel that. I hope people at home can feel that level of intimacy because it was really unbelievable. I have goosebumps.” Collins peppers the new concert with personal stories interweaved with ones about The Town Hall, which is celebrating its centennial this year. One of the songs — “Me and My Uncle” — has a fascinating history. John Phillips, then the

leader of The Journeymen and later of the Mamas & the Papas, wrote the song and played it one night when both he and Collins were high on acid. “I was stoned to the eyeballs, but I remembered all of that song and I went home and worked on it and practiced it and put it on the record,” she recalls. “And he said, ‘I don’t remember writing that song.’” After that first recorded concert, Collins would go on to write her own songs and win a Grammy. Her signature songs include “Both Sides Now” from her hit album “Wildflowers” and her take on “Send in the Clowns.” She inspired a folk-rock classic, the 1969 Crosby, Stills and Nash hit “Suite: Judy Blue Eyes.” At The Town Hall encore show, Collins added to the setlist “Both Sides Now,” “Anathea,” “Amazing Grace” and Jimmy Webb’s song “Highwayman.” She picks them like she picks all of them — by connection. “I don’t take a song apart and say this and that and the other thing or try to analyze it. It’s how it affects me emotionally at the beginning, middle and end,” she says. She’s finishing a new album, to be released in spring 2021 called “Beauty and Resistance,” which will include “Dreamers,” a song inspired by immigrants that’s “maybe the best thing I ever wrote.”

“We need beautiful songs. We need beautiful poems. We need beauty to look at and feel, whether it’s in nature or painting or art of any kind,” she says. “So we have to be prepared to embrace the beautiful, but also embrace resistance to the terrible.” □

## Leonardo’s ‘Last Supper’ reopens to public with short wait

**By CHARLENE PELE**  
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**MILAN (AP)** — COVID-19 restrictions have brought a novelty to art lovers: The possibility of seeing Leonardo da Vinci’s “Last Supper” without waiting in line, and with same-day tickets possible. Access to the masterpiece housed inside the refectory of the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie resumed Tuesday after the second closure of the pandemic, starting in November and the fall virus resurgence. The famed mural was also closed to the public from Feb. 26-June 9, with the double closures resulting in an 80% drop in visitors last year from 2019’s record 445,728 Leonardo admirers.

This year remains uncertain, due both to virus variants and the slower-than-anticipated rollout of vaccinations. Museum officials are anticipating a drop of 60% in visitors, with an accompanying decrease in revenues. Access is restricted in the first week to just eight viewers every 15 minutes, going up to 12 starting next week. While in the past demand also among foreign visitors meant that reservations were necessary weeks or even months in advance, Emma Daffra, director of Lombardy’s state museums, said reservations are now opening each week with same-day tickets possible at the museum. “The dramatic COVID emergency had the effect of lowering the leg-



A TV crew films Leonardo da Vinci’s painting ‘The Last Supper’, dating back to 1494-1498 and preserved at the ex-Renaissance refectory of the convent adjacent to the sanctuary of Santa Maria delle Grazie church, in Milan, Italy, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021. □

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# Nadal, Barty advance in straight sets at Australia Open

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MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)

— Facing a break point late in the third set, Rafael Nadal sprinted to his left and hit a running forehand winner from way out wide. A slow-motion fist pump was a very subdued celebration by his standards. The 20-time major champion wasn't going to let the lingering back soreness that bothered him ahead of the Australian Open stop him from getting through the first round as soon as he possibly could.

Laslo Djere, ranked 56th, watched the winner land, held out both hands, and no doubt wondered what more he needed to do to win a point.

When Djere, going for everything, double-faulted to open what became the last game of the match, a woman in the crowd at Rod Laver Arena yelled out "It's all right, Laslo."

Easy for her to say.

Nadal finished off a 6-3, 6-4, 6-1 win in just under two hours Tuesday in his first competitive match of the year — he didn't play for Spain at the ATP Cup last week because of the back stiffness.

"My back is not perfect, as I said a couple of days ago," Nadal said. "Every day that I'm able to go through, probably there are more chances to get better. That's the thing now — there is always a chance to improve, and that's why I'm here playing and fighting to try to get better and then give myself a chance." A minor change to his service motion was among the precautions he took "survive" for the first round. "I need to go day-to-day," he said, "and just try to stay positive."

He'll next play American qualifier Michael Mmoh, who outlasted Viktor Troicki 7-6 (3), 6-7 (3), 3-6, 7-6 (3), 7-5.

While Nadal has been slowly building into the tournament, Russia's ATP Cup-winning teammates have been on a roll.

Daniil Medvedev extend-



Spain's Rafael Nadal reacts during his first round match against Serbia's Laslo Djere at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021.

ed his winning streak to 15 matches with a 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 win over Vasek Pospisil and seventh-seeded Andrey Rublev beat Yannick Hanfmann 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

In night matches to cap Day 2, fifth-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas beat Gilles Simon 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 and No. 9 Matteo Berrettini defeated Kevin Anderson, a two-time finalist at majors, 7-6 (9), 7-5, 6-3. In her first match at a major in more than a year, top-ranked Ash Barty dropped only 10 points in a 6-0, 6-0 rout of Danka Kovinic. Barty lost to Sofia Kenin in the Australian Open semifinals last year and then skipped the U.S. Open and her title defense at the French Open because she stayed in Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sofia Kenin struggled with nerves in her first match as a defending champion at a Grand Slam tournament earlier in the day before beating 133rd-ranked wild-card entry Maddison Inglis 7-5, 6-4.

But Barty only needed 44 minutes to advance, saying she'd missed tennis "every single day" during her

time away from the sport. "The competitor in me missed what this is all about," she said. "Coming out here and really enjoying the thrill of the fight."

Garbiñe Muguruza, the Australian Open runner-up last year, defeated Margarita Gasparyan 6-4, 6-0. Players who were forced into hard lockdown — not allowed to leave their rooms for 14 days after landing in Australia last month — have struggled in the opening round.

Victoria Azarenka, a two-time Australian Open champion and the runner-up at last year's U.S. Open, appeared to have trouble breathing and received medical attention in the second set of a 7-5, 6-4 loss to Jessica Pegula of the United States.

Azarenka noted how difficult it was to prepare for a major tournament after being one of 72 players who were in a hard quarantine for two weeks — not allowed to leave their hotel rooms for any reason — after potentially being exposed to COVID-19 on her flight to Australia. "The

biggest impact for me personally has been not being able to have fresh air," the 12th-seeded Azarenka said. "That really took a toll." Sloane Stephens lost to No. 26-seeded Yulia Putintseva 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 and Paula Badosa, who went through a three-week isolation because she tested positive for COVID-19, served for the match but dropped the last four games and was beaten by Liudmila Samsonova 6-7 (4), 7-6 (4), 7-5. Two-time Australian Open quarterfinalist Tennyson Sandgren also went through the hard lockdown. After losing to No. 21 Alex de Minaur 7-5, 6-1, 6-1, Sandgren said for those who'd been through it, the tournament is "not feasible."

"I've never walked on to a court in a Grand Slam knowing that I'm probably not going to be able to win," he said.

In other results on a sunny Day 2 with the temperature in the low 70s Fahrenheit (low 20s Celsius), Australian wild-card entry Alexei Popyrin saved four match points to beat No. 13 David Goffin 3-6, 6-4, 6-7 (4),

7-6 (6), 6-3 and 17-year-old Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz defeated Botic Van de Zandschulp 6-1, 6-4, 6-4 to become the youngest man to win a Grand Slam match since Thanasi Kokkinakis in 2014.

And an even younger player, 16-year-old Coco Gauff, won 6-3, 6-2 against Jil Teichmann to set up a second-round showdown against fifth-seeded Elina Svitolina.

Other seeded players advancing included No. 6 Karolina Pliskova, No. 21 Anett Kontaveit and No. 25 Karolina Muchova.

No. 13 Johanna Konta left the court for medical treatment after winning the first set against Kaja Juvan and retired after dropping serve and falling behind 2-0 in the second.

Mayar Sherif made history for Egyptian tennis, beating fellow qualifier Chloe Paquet 7-5, 7-5 to become the first woman from her country to win a Grand Slam match.

"Obviously, it means a lot," Sherif said, "because finally this is barrier that I had to pass, a mental barrier." □

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# Lamoureux twins retire after 14 years with USA Hockey

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USA Hockey's twin-sister Lamoureux tandem is retiring after 14 years of international competition.

Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson and Monique Lamoureux-Morando made the announcement in an article titled "More than Medals" that was published Tuesday on The Players' Tribune website. In it, the 31-year-olds reflected on their hockey journeys, which began when they were growing up in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and were punctuated with them helping the United States win gold at the Pyeongchang Olympics in 2018. The two played key roles in a 3-2 shootout victory over Canada in the championship game. Lamoureux-Morando scored the tying goal with less than seven minutes remaining, and Lamoureux-Davidson scored the decisive shootout goal to lead the U.S. to its second Olympic title and first since the 1998 Nagano Games. "Our dream since as long as we could remember was to wear the red, white and



In this Oct. 2, 2013, file photo, United States Olympic Winter Games hockey players Jocelyne Lamoureux, left, and Monique Lamoureux pose for a portrait at the Team USA Media Summit in Park City, Utah.

blue and become Olympic champions together," the sisters said in a statement released by USA Hockey. "As twins, our hockey career and lives will forever be intertwined, so it is only fitting that we are retiring together as well." Together, the Lamoureuxs were members of U.S. teams that won six world championships and

Olympic silver at the 2010 Vancouver and '14 Sochi Games. They most recently represented the U.S. by competing in a three-game rivalry series against Canada last year, and afterward both took time off to give birth to sons. Their decision to retire comes about a year before the 2022 Beijing Games are scheduled to open.

"When we both started to think about retirement, I'd think about all the goals we had set out to accomplish throughout our careers. We have crossed off most of those. And the ones we came up short on? We learned from those experiences and did our best along the way," Lamoureux-Davidson wrote in The Players' Tribune article.

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"I can look at myself in the mirror and be proud. Proud of myself, my sister, and the teams I was a part of," she added. "Even though our playing days have come to a close, I know our roles as leaders in the game of hockey aren't coming to an end any time soon." Lamoureux-Morando noted that the challenges of balancing a career and family played a factor in their decision, while hinting that "there are more babies on the way." Their career numbers with USA Hockey were nearly identical. Lamoureux-Morando finished with 62 goals and 81 assists for 143 points in 135 games. Lamoureux-Davidson had 63 goals and 75 assists for 138 points in 137 games. "Monique and Jocelyne were fierce competitors, and their desire to win was evident every time they wore the USA jersey," USA Hockey executive director Pat Kelleher said. "They have been a big part of the success of our program for many years. We thank them for their passion and dedication, and wish them nothing but the very best in the future." □

## MLB renews 7-inning doubleheaders, runners on 2nd in extras



In this July 24, 2020, file photo, empty seats are viewed in Busch Stadium as St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Jack Flaherty throws in the first inning baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates in St. Louis.

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Seven-inning doubleheaders and runners on second base to start extra innings will return for a second straight season under an agree-

ment for 2021 health protocols reached Monday between Major League Baseball and the players' association. The deal did not include last year's experimental rule to extend the desig-

nated hitter to the National League or expanded playoffs. After allowing 16 teams in the postseason last year instead of 10, MLB had proposed 14 for this year before withdrawing that plan last month. Last year's expanded playoffs agreement did not come together until hours before the season's first pitch. "We're comfortable with both rules," San Francisco Giants manager Gabe Kapler wrote in a text to the AP. "It seems like most were good with them in '20, and with a year of familiarity under our belts, we'll tackle them fine." There were 78 extra-inning games last year, and the longest by innings were a pair of 13-inning contests at Houston, won by the Los Angeles Dodgers on

July 29 and by Oakland on Aug. 7. Every previous season since 1901 had at least one game of 15 innings or longer. "During a season with the possible delays from COVID, I think the seven-inning and runner on second rules will help any teams make up for lost time," Arizona catcher Stephen Vogt wrote in a text to The Associated Press. "I would love to get back to traditional baseball ASAP, but I like them for the 2021 season." There were 45 games postponed for COVID-19-related reasons and just two were not made up, between St. Louis and Detroit. In order to accomplish that, there were 56 doubleheaders, the most since 76 in 1984. About 12% of games were part of

doubleheaders, the highest percentage since 13.6 in 1978. "I actually liked both the seven-inning doubleheaders and the runner on second," Oakland manager Bob Melvin wrote in a text to the AP. "I was skeptical at first, but they both were successful in my opinion." Houston Astros manager Dusty Baker agrees with keeping the experiment because it "saves pitching" during the pandemic. "I don't mind either rule," Baker said in a text to the AP. "Besides, what are you gonna do?" The agreement includes more sophisticated contact tracing for COVID-19 that includes the use of technology, and more league rules on behavior to comply with coronavirus protocols. □